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1. TOP-PLAYED QUITO CONFERENCE HEADLINES SUNDAY COVER WIDE SPECTRUM END TO END. CIARIN BANNERS WITH DISMAY: "MAJORITY TO END CUBA BLOCKADE NOT REACHED." LA CALIE ASSERTIVELY BANNERS: "CUBA WITH VIRTUAL MAJORITY. VOTES CONDITIONED: ONE 'FOR SALE.'" EXPLAINS: "BOLIVIA WILL VOTE TO LIFT SANCTIONS PROVIDED AMERICAN COUNTRIES COMMIT SELVES TO MUTUAL ASSISTANCE IN CASE OF INTERVENTION. PARAGUAY, MOST INVLEXIBLE ONE, DEMANDS MORE SANCTIONS AGAINST CUBA. U.S. MAINTAINS CAUTIOUS SILENCE." BACK PAGE STREAMERED "MESSY DEBATE QUITO."

2. PRENSA, NACION BOTH FOUR-COL HEADLINES MERELY REPORT ARGENTINA REAFFIRMED SUPPORT CUBA. PRENSA'S MARTINEZ MARQUEZ FRONT-PAGE ANALYSIS HEADED "U.S. ATTITUDE CAUTIOUS" SAYS "UP TO NOW NO VISIBLE SIGNS OF PROGRESS. ONE WOULD SAY SOMETHING CAVED IN UNDER FOMINS COSTA RICA, COLOMBIA, VENEZUELA, WHO PROMOTED QUITO FORUM... THEY LOOK FOR MISSING VOTE AND VOTE FAILS SHOW UP. (...) SOME SAY WASHINGTON HAS KEPT INTENTION UNDER WRAPS. OTHERS HOLD ACTUALLY 7.S. LINE NOT WELL DEFINED, U.S. PREFERS SOUTHERN COUNTRIES DECIDE CASE. U.S. WOULD ALWAYS RESERVE SOVEREIGN RIGHT ACT AS JUDGES MORE CONVENIENT. INDEED, ABSENCE OF SECRETARY KISSINGER AND MUTENESS OF AMERICAN DELEGATION HAS DISCONCERTED SOME FOMINS TO PERCEPTIBLE DEGREE."

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3. NACION'S OSCAR GUELL: "WE NOT BEEN ABLE SEE ANY PROGRESS IN NEGOTIATIONS, RATHER FIRM UPHOLDING OF FAMILIAR POSITIONS." ELABORATES ON STATEMENTS BY URUGUAY, PARAGUAY, CHILE EMPHASIZING "PERSISTENCE OF CUBAN AGGRESSION."

4. CLARIN BACK PAGE STREAMERED: "NO AGREEMENT QUITO MEETING. FOURTEEN VOTES REQUIRED TO LIFT SANCTIONS NOT MUSTERED." NORBERTO GALLEGU REPORTS "VENEZUELA SAID TO BE CONSIDERING ALTERNATE FORMULA... A HYBRID DECLARATION CONTAINING TWO ELEMENTS: EXPLICIT RATIFICATION OF NON-INTERVENTION PRINCIPLE -- WHICH WOULD SOME WAY SATISFY 'HARDLINERS' -- AND AMBIGUOUS STATEMENT WHICH WOULD MAKE ENDING BLOCKADE VOLUNTARY (OR, IF IT IS PREFERRED, MAKE APPLYING OF SANCTIONS VOLUNTARY.) IF SUITABLE WORDS TO EXPRESS THIS IDEA ARE FOUND, EVEN IF FINAL DECLARATION DOES NOT ENSURE FUTURE OF OAS, AT LEAST WILL PREVENT CRACKUP BEFORE BAIRE MEETING MARCH 1975..."

5. OPINION'S ENRIQUE ALONSO STATES "MODERATE POSITION OF ARGENTINA LAYS BRIDGE BETWEEN TWO OPPOSING GROUPS." ALSO SAYS "GENERAL IMPRESSION IS THAT PROGRESSIVE HARDENING -- AT LEAST AT THIS STAGE OF NEGOTIATIONS-- UNDERCUTS PROSPECTS OF REACHING COMPROMISE FORMULA. THIS APPARENT NOT ONLY FROM OFFICIAL STATEMENTS FROM FLOOR BUT ALSO FROM PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS AMONG FOMINS." PAGE 2 CONTAINS LATIN'S ARMANDO VARGAS HEADED "IN MIDST OF SPEECH WAR, INFLUENCE OF VENEZUELAN OIL PROFITS MAY DECIDE OAS ISSUE." VARGAS SAYS: "SILENCE FROM U.S. DELEGATION SPREAD DISCONCERT AMONG FOMINS. COUNTRIES WHICH TRADITIONALLY VOTED ALONG WITH U.S. -- LIKE NICARAGUA, HAITI, BOLIVIA -- REMAIN UNDECIDED." QUOTES "EXPERIENCED LATAM DIPLOMAT" AS SAYING: "WE ALWAYS COMPLAINED AMERICAN MANIPULATED VOTE. NOW KISSINGER'S SILENCE IS KILLING US, PREVENTING OUR COMING TO AGREEMENT."

6. TELEVISION. NO NEWSCASTS OR OTHER REPORTING ON SATURDAYS, WHICH DEVOTED TO ENTERTAINMENT. RADIO UNCLASSIFIED

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